associated with the formation of the Society, except that three of its employees are its founder members in their individual capacity.

Membership of AHEAD

2563. SHRI A. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether any foreign citizens / organisations are/were members of the society called Asian Health Environmental and Allied Databases registered on the 12th August 2994 (No.S/26497) with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of occupation and addresses of the above members of, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR **RAO):** (a) Whereas no foreign or Indian organisation was or is a iOi'/ider-member of the Society in question, the Societies Registration Act, 1860 permits a foreign national to subscribe to the Memorandum of a society registered in India subject to the condition that Indian law will apply even if all the subscribers are foreigners. Hence, the Registrar of Societies, Delhi does not n;contain the information about the nationality of such persons.

(b) Does not arise.

Freedom Fighters

†2564. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Freedom fighters in the country, State-wise;

(b) the amount of expenditure being incurred on their pension, State-wise;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) the extent of increase or decrease in the number of freedom fighters, year-wise during the last three years; and

(d) the details and names of the imposter freedom fighters detected in each State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) A Statement indicating number of freedom fighters sanctioned pension under "Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme" as on 31.3.2000, State-wise, is enclosed. *(See* below)

(b) Expenditure under the "Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme" during the year 1999-2000 was Rs. 195.58 crores. However, no details of expenditure, State-wise, is available.

(c) The number of freedom fighters who were sanctioned pension under the "Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme" was 1,63,711 as on 31.3.98; 1,64,224 as on 31.3.99 and 1,64,329 as on 31.3.2000.

(d) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

Statement

Number of freedom fighters sanctioned pension

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Pensions
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11,254
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3.	Assam	4,436
4.	Bihar	24,819
5.	Goa	911
6.	Gujarat	3,580
7.	Haryana	1,676
8.	Himachal Pradesh	603
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,806
10.	Karnataka	10,008
11.	Kerala	2,875
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3,360

SI. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Sanctioned
13.	Maharashtra	16,543
14.	Manipur	62
15.	Meghalaya	86
16.	Mizoram	04
17.	Nagaland	03
18.	Orissa	4,182
19.	Punjab	6,986
20.	Rajasthan	800
21.	Tamil Nadu	4,086
22.	Tripura	886
23.	Uttar Pradesh	17,977
24.	West Bengal	22,443
25.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	03
26.	Chandigarh	89
27.	Daman and Diu	33
28.	NCT of Delhi	2,040
29.	Pondicherry	315
30.	Indian National Army (INA)	22,463
	TOTAL:	1,64,329

Dumping of Drugs and Arms

2565. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thailand, Myanmar etc. are dumping drugs, arms and ammunition in the Indian Islands; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to strengthen Indian Navy for protecting economic interests of the Nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The measures on anvil to strengthen the Naval presence in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands region include creation of additional berthing space at Port Blair; extension of runways at Port Blair and Campbell Bay; and installation of sophisticated equipment at key locations in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to monitor maritime and air activities in the area.